SUBJECT No. 206.

Expenditure from District Funds on account of establishment charges on works executed by Public Works Department.

Messrs. Amble Anniah Pandit and C. Narasimhaiya, District Board, Mysore.

Summary of discussion.—The Public Works Department claim 17½ per cent of District Fund works carried out by them on account of establishment charges and thus one-sixth of the Board's expenditure is spent without any utility to the Board. It is therefore prayed that this expenditure may be discontinued.

Reply of Government.—The proportionate charges for establishment actually incurred by the Public Works Department are much greater than the contribution levied. The contribution levied cannot therefore be foregone nor the rate thereof reduced.

SUBJECT No. 207.

A Special grant to Chikmagalur Municipalitiy.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that some grant may be made from the State Funds for the improvement of the Chikmagalur towns similar to the grants made for the improvement of Bangalore and Mysore. The water-supply to the town is very defective. The income of the Municipality is hardly sufficient to meet its ordinary expenditure.

Reply of Government.—The question of giving some grant from the State Funds to the Chikmagalur Municipality will be considered if a proposal is received from the Municipal Council.

SUBJECT No. 208.

Inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows.

Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There is only one kitchen attached to inspection lodges and travellers' bungalows. Another kitchen should be constructed for these lodges and bungalows to make them convenient for two travellers.

Reply of Government.—The matter should be represented to the District Board and proposals submitted to Government.

MEDICAL.

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SUBJECT No. 209.

Prospects of Hospital Assistants.

Messrs. C. Vamana Rao and Nadig Subba Rao, Nagar taluk.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 210.

Compounders and their pay.

(1) Mr. Lingappa, Harihar subtaluk.

Summary of discussion.—(1) At present, men possessing little or no knowledge of medicine are entertained as compounders in hospitals and dispensaries on a low pay ranging from 8 to 12 Rs. a month. As these cannot be expected to compound medicines according to the prescriptions and as Hospital Assistants and Surgeons are busy with operations attending to other patients, medical examinations, etc., and cannot afford time to supervise whether the instructions in the recipe are carried out, only qualified and passed men may be appointed as compounders.

(2) Mr. D. S. Hanumantha Rao, Devanhalli taluk.

(2) The present pay of compounders is Rs. 8, 10, 12 and 15 as fixed by Government in their Order No. 13250-1—1962, dated 8th June 1896. As these are expected to be thoroughly experienced and painstaking in their work, it is requested that greater encouragement may be given to them by way of promotion.

Reply of Government.—The compounders in service are reported to be doing their work efficiently. The subject is, however, noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 211.

Formation of an Ayurvedic Bureau.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—An independent department of Ayurvedic medicines may be formed in the State.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 212.

Ayurvedic medical practitioners.

Messrs. Suryanarayanasetty and B. Keshavachar, Kadur District Board.

Summary of discussion.—With the noble object of reviving the Ayurvedic and Unani systems of medicine, the Government were pleased to start indigenous hospitals in the State and competent practitioners are being appointed to them to dispense native medicines. These institutions are getting popular and are in need of good support from Government. At this stage, if these institutions are considered as merely grant-in-aid ones, there is not such encouragement as was originally expected. Pray therefore that where the full pay of the Hakim or Vaidya, and his establishment as also cost of medicines is met either from Municipal Funds or from the funds of the District Board, etc., the institutions may be considered as Government institutions, and the employees as Government servants eligible for pension. This concession, it is prayed, may be kindly granted in respect of all the indigenous dispensaries started in the State with the sanction of Government.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 213.

(*a*) Guaranteed appointments to successful students from Ayurvedic College.

(*a*) Messrs. A. Ramanna, Yedatore taluk, and M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The Ayurvedic College at Mysore requires further improvements and it is prayed that Government may be pleased to guarantee some appointments at least to successful candidates.

(*b*) Successful students in Ayurveda to be given the pay of Hospital Assistants when appointed as Vaidyas.

(*b*) Messrs. A. Anniah Pandit and C. Narasimiah, Mysore District Board.

(*b*) The successful Mysore students of the Ayurvedic College may be given the pay of Hospital Assistants when the former are appointed as Vaidyas.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah suggested that—

(1) a knowledge of Sanskrit should not be insisted upon,

(2) a suitable building should be provided,

(3) the students should have more opportunities for observing dissections,